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For The Public Ledger.]

I would I were a boy again.

I'd play my days and weeks away.

I'd laugh and sport with life's gold chain.

In spite of all old age could say.

My nimble legs and lighter feet.

Should bear me to the wild-wood brook.

Where every flower and bird I'd greet.

With merry song and happy look.

I'd pluck the daisies from the lawn.

And break a twig from every tree.

I'd make a wreath my cap to don.

And gladly chase the honey bee.

I'd climb the mountain's rocky height.

And chase the nimble footed fawn.

I'd watch the eagle's upward flight.

As she ascends at early dawn.

When wearied with my joyous plays.

I'd sleep beneath the mountain's brow.

And dream on all the happy days.

I sung in youth beside my plow.

Oh! merry days, when I was young.

With no life-careen to mar my joys.

Then, by my brother's side I hung.

When'er pursued by larger boys.

The little gun, the stars and stripes.

That from our unfurled banners hung.

Our martial drums, and merry pipes.

We had when we were light and young.

Oh! could I wander back again.

When I was but a romping boy.

When out amid the pat'ring rain

I tossed my ball with wildest joy!

I've travel'd far o'er hill and plain.

In search of solid earthly joy.

But behold life's broken chain.

And all her charms a gilded toy!

I would I were a boy again.

I'd play my days and weeks away.

I'd laugh and sport with life's gold chain.

In spite of all old age could say.

May 3, 1875. R.

**The New England Sabbath.**

In 1646 they made a law in Massachusetts, that if any one "contemptuously behaved toward ye word preached, or ye messengers thereof. For ye first offence, to be convicted and reprov'd openly by ye magistrate at some lecture, and bound to good behavior; and if a second time they break forth into ye like contemptible carriage, either to pay \$5 into ye public treasury, or to stand two hours openly upon a block four feet high, on a lecture day, with a paper affixed on his heart, with this, 'A WASTON GOSPEL-LER,' written in capital letters; ye others may fear and be ashamed of breaking out into ye like wickedness."

In 1677 the general court ordered that "a cage be set up in the market place of Boston, and in such other towns as the County Courts shall appoint, wherein shall be put, to remain till examined and punished, any one breaking the Sabbath." Officers called tythingmen enforced the observance of the Sabbath.

The law provided that, as a badge of office, they should have a "black staff of two foots long, tipped at one end with brass, about three inches." This staff soon came to have a feather stuck in one end, with which to tickle the noses of drowsy sinners, while the end tipped with brass enforced order on the pates of unruly boys. In this manner was the congregation kept attentive during the sermon, which generally lasted about an hour and a half, measured by an hour-glass standing on the pulpit.

**The Marvels of Mechanics.**

Scientific American.]

During the last siege of Paris the inhabitants from time to time effected communication with their friends by means of carrier pigeons. In fact, a regular pigeon post was organized, having one of its receiving stations in London. Here the written messages for Paris were received, and, by photograph, reduced to microscopic size; each letter being reduced so small as to be invisible to the eye except as a speck.

Some two thousand of these specks were then printed on bits of tissue paper about an inch and a half square, which was rolled and carefully attached to one of the tail feathers of the pigeons. On the arrival of the bird in Paris the postal officials placed the paper under the microscope, which enlarged the several specks into readable communications, which were duly copied in writing and delivered to the persons to whom they

were addressed. The total postage received for the transmission of one of those tiny bits of paper frequently amounted to two thousand dollars.

Small as this photo writing seems, it has been surpassed by mechanism. In a recent number of the Lens Dr. J. J. Woodward, U. S. A., gives an enlarged photograph of microscopic writing done by machinery on glass, by means of a diamond, executed by Mr. William Webb of London. The writing consists of the Lord's Prayer, which is written upon glass, within a space equal to one two hundred and ninety-fourth part of an inch in length by one four hundred and fortieth part of an inch in width, or a space perhaps equal to the dot in this letter i. The photograph given by Dr. Woodward shows this dot of writing enlarged to occupy a space about two inches long by one and a half inches broad. All the words are brought legibly out on the photograph, the total number of letters being 227, and such is the exceeding fineness of the original writing that 29,431,458 letters written in the same way would only cover one square inch of glass surface. The combined bible and New Testament contains in all 3,566,458 letters; hence it would be possible for Mr. Webb to write the contents of more than eight bibles within the space of one square inch. Two specimen plates containing the microscopic writing above alluded to have been supplied by Mr. Webb for the United States Museum at Washington. Their cost was fifty dollars each.

The Webb machine, however, does not equal, in the fineness of its writing or perfection, the prior instrument of Mr. N. Peters, a wealthy banker of London, who, as long ago as 1856, was able to write three times finer than Webb. So perfect was the Peters machine that it was competent to engrave the entire contents of the bible and New Testament twenty-two times over within the space of a single square inch.

**General Customs in China.**

Some Chinese funeral customs are curious. Immediately after the decease of a parent the children and other near relatives communicate the news to the friends living farther off by what is called an "announcement of death," which merely states that the father or mother, as the case may be, has died, and that they, the survivors, are entirely to blame. With this is sent a "sad report," or in other words, a detailed account of deceased's last illness, how it originated, what medicine was prescribed and taken, and sundry other interesting particulars. These friends reply by sending a present of money to help defray funeral expenses, a present of food or joss-stick, or even a detachment of priests to read the prescribed liturgies over the dead. Sometimes a large scroll is written and forwarded, inscribed with a few appropriate words, as, "A hero gone." When all these have been received the members of the bereaved family issue a printed form of thanks, one copy being left at the house of each contributor, and worded thus: "This is to express the thanks of —, the orphan son, who weeps tears of blood and bows his head; of —, the mourning brother, who weeps and bows his head; of —, the mourning nephew, who wipes away his tears and bows his head." It is well known that all old and even middle-aged people in China like having their coffins prepared ready for use. A dutiful son will see that his parents are thus provided, sometimes many years before their death, and the old people will invite relatives or friends to examine both materials and workmanship, as if it were some beautiful picture or statue of which they had just cause to be proud. Upon the coffin is carved an inscription with the names and titles of the occupant; if a woman, the name of her husband. At the foot of the coffin are buried two stone tablets face to face; one bears the name and titles of the deceased and the other a short account of his life, what year he was born in; what were his achievements as a scholar, and how many children were born to him. Periods of mourning are regulated by the degrees of relationship to the dead. A son wears his clothes white for three years—actually for twenty-eight months; and a wife mourns her husband for the same period.

**Rel.**

The word "hell," a translation of the Greek word Gehenna, is a term used to designate the valley of Hinnom. This valley bounds Jerusalem on the north, and lies below Mount Zion—a scene of sacred and imperishable associations. In this valley Moloch, the national god of the Amorites, was worshiped with the horrid and inhuman rite of sacrificing children in the fire. When Josiah, in his conquests, overthrew this idolatry, he poured contempt upon the infernal practice by casting into the valley the bones of the departed. In the estimation of the old Hebrews the bones of the dead caused the greatest of all pollutions. Whatever persons, place or things they touched were forthwith considered "unclean." Hence this valley of Hinnom, this "hell," having been the receptacle of the human remains which Josiah threw into it, was considered a place the most polluted and accursed. From this circumstance it became a common receptacle for all the refuse of the city of Jerusalem. Here large quantities of decomposing vegetable and animal matter were constantly thrown. This putrescent matter generated an abundance of worms; the worms here never died. To prevent the noxious effluvia springing from this mass of corruption, poisoning the atmosphere and breathing disease and death into the heart of the city, fires were kept burning day and night. This valley, therefore, was literally a place where "the worm never died, and where the fire was never quenched."—Rev. Phelps.

The Russian Minister in Pekin is said to have applied for a revision of the treaties between Russia and China.

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